

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-6, and add new Claims 7 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus comprising:  
a carriage carrying a recording head thereon and ~~reciprocally~~ scanning along a recording material;  
a ~~position-detecting~~ sensor disposed on said carriage for detecting a scanning position of said carriage;  
a code strip to be read by said ~~position-detecting~~ sensor;  
a guide shaft providing a guide for the scanning of said carriage; and  
a ~~guide-shaft~~ lifting mechanism for moving said guide shaft up and down ~~said guide shaft~~ to thereby change a height position of said carriage,  
wherein when said guide shaft is moved up and down, said carriage ~~moves~~ makes contact with a lower end portion of said code strip to thereby move said code strip up and ~~down said code strip~~ down.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 2 1, wherein in a state in which said carriage is at an ordinary height, said carriage and the lower end portion of said code strip do not contact with each other.

4. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 2 1, wherein said code strip has one end thereof mounted with tension given thereto by a resilient member.

5. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ upward and downward movement of said code strip is effected only near said ~~position-detecting~~ sensor.

6. (Currently amended) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said position detecting sensor is comprises a photosensor.

7. (New) A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when said carriage is at a CD printing height, said carriage makes contact with the lower end portion of said code strip.